



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5686

LCO No. 1980



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
REP. WILLIS, 64th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF LAND SWAPS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amend to prohibit the Commissioners of
2 Energy and Environmental Protection and Agriculture, any
3 municipality and any land conservation organization from approving
4 any proposal for the swap of land that has been conserved as open
5 space or farmland unless the land that the state, municipality or
6 organization, as applicable, will receive as a result of such swap is of
7 greater ecological value than such conserved property. Additionally,
8 prior to entering an agreement for any such land swap, the applicable
9 commissioner, municipality or land conservation organization shall be
10 required to provide public notice of the intended swap to the residents
11 of the town in which such conserved property is located and shall hold
12 a public hearing on such proposed land swap in the town in which
13 such conserved property is located.

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the swapping of land that has been conserved as open space or farmland unless the land to be received in such swap is of

greater ecological value and to provide for public notice and comment prior to any legal agreement to undertake such land swap.